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TAGS: EINV, UN, AID

SUBJECT: UN COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS -  
MEETING MAY 2, 1977, A.M.

1. COMMISSION MEETING MAY 2 MORNING SESSION BEGAN WITH DISCUSSION OF ITEM 10 OF ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA, WORK LEADING TO A DEFINITION OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. INDIA DELEGATE ARTICULATED FIVE CRITERIA, INCLUDING SIZE, CENTRALIZATION OF DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY, AND NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH THE ENTERPRISE OPERATES. UK DELEGATE POINTED OUT THAT DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS MAY BE NEEDED, DEPENDING ON THE FUNCTIONAL PURPOSE, E.G., STATISTICAL AND RESEARCH STUDIES. ALSO DISAGREED WITH INDIA DEL ON SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH MNC OPERATES. US DEL STATED THAT FOR THE PRESENT WE SHOULD STAY WITH THE BROAD DEFINITION GIVEN US BY EMINENT PERSONS. KUWAIT DELEGATE SAID THAT THE CENTRE SHOULD DRAW UP A LIST OF CRITERIA FOR DISCUSSION. USSR DELEGATE STATED WE HAVE DETERMINED THE NATURE OF THE PHENOMENON,

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NAMELY, SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL WESTERN PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. FINALLY, INDIA, SECONDED BY KUWAIT, PROPOSED THAT PROFOUND PERSONS BE ASKED TO FORWARD ITS VIEWS. CHAIRMAN CALLED ON PROFOUNDS TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS IN WRITING ON THIS POINT.

2. WITH RESPECT TO OPERATIONS OF MNCS IN SOUTH AFRICA,

NIGERIA DELEGATE REQUESTED A POSTPONEMENT OF DEBATE UNTIL  
MAY 3 MORNING SESSION. WORK SCHEDULE OF THE COMMISSION  
AND OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP IS BEING RE-ARRANGED  
ACCORDINGLY (CODE ISSUE REPORTED SEPTTEL).  
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